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THE

KNOTHOLE ARCHIVES

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COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

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★ - HANDBOOK REVISION - ★

What's black and white, can tell you where to find the "Robin Hood Book Collection"; how to get information about Cranberry Lake Biological Station; and what the activities of every club and organization on campus are?

You guessed it! It's your Undergraduate Student Handbook!

Well, that same booklet is up for some major revisions. On March 26, a group of students and Mr. Finnegan (of Student Affairs) met to discuss making the handbook more palatable and informative.

It will include (in easy to read form) things like listings of faculty advisors, (then offices and extensions), how to write out a good petition, what services are available to you free, what activities and recreation are available on and around the Syracuse campus and more.

Any students wanting to help out either in writing, revising, or in cartooning and graphics, are asked to come to a meeting on Wednesday, April 9, in 107 Bray at 7:00 PM. Bring your ideas.

Copies of the present handbook are always available in 107 Bray, so pick one up and let us know what you want to see in it.

Dale Michael Rubin

ATTENTION:

FROSH and TRANSFERS:

Student Affairs is presently conducting a survey of all "New Students" (Freshmen and Transfer students who entered ESF in the Fall of 1974). Your cooperation with this survey effort is greatly appreciated. I am sure you can understand the value and importance of the information we are requesting.

Please return the completed questionnaire you received to Bray 107 promptly. Thank you for your assistance.

William Sheldon
Coordinator of Career Services

HERE WE COME, WEST VIRGINNY!

Got a hankerin' to git out of Syracuse and do a little something? Like bowsaw? How'd ya like to fell a forty foot red pine? Think you could handle a little archery match? Ever run a $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. with a 50 lb. pack on your back? Think ya mite be interested in throwin' a little pulp besides the usual malarky?

Well, if'n you feel like trying even one of these or any of the regular woodsmen competition events, we got an opportunity you'd better not refuse.....West Virginny! Yessirree--axe anybody! The Tri-State Woodsmen's Meet held every spring is the most excitin', knee-slappin', fist-shaking meet you ever saw!

Host W. Virginia has invited us and our old rival Penn. State on down for a little friendly contest of sorts. We're a taking off on Fri., April 18 for the meet the following day. Seems last year the Penn. boys thought they'd like to win, so they done it. Well...rumor has it our boys think it's about time our trophy case housed the Winners' Axe. And I'm sorta inclined to agree. We gotta problem though. We're needin' a mess of people to go down there and show them two just why we feel we ought a win this one. If you feel like gettin' in the contests we shore could use you. Guys and gals both! We're going to have practice on the weekends 1-4 out behind Walter's Hall--just look for a mess of eager, muddy students chippin' and a-pokin' at a couple of logs. Try-outs are a-goin' to be April 6, 12, & 13 at the same spot. A sign-up for all will be in Moon Library. Now don't you go and disappoint them West Virginny & Penn. fellows, they're expecting a burlap sack full of wildcats to explode from our old green bus--and we aim to oblige 'em.

M.L.

This space donated in loving memory of
our deceasing Jade Tree

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: The attitudes, opinions and/or statements contained within these letters are those of their respective authors, and do not in any way represent the attitudes, opinions or statements of the Knothole or its staff in general. The Knothole invites commentary on its content or any topic of interest from responsible sources.

Sue Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

To the Editor:

In reference to your printing the letter by Mr. Caufield, the March 27 Knothole, there appears to be a basic contradiction: you state your editorial policy is to print letters of opinion from "responsible" sources, yet you failed to follow this ground rule in printing Mr. Caufield's letter. Certainly we feel everyone should feel free to express an opinion, responsibly. However when opinions take the form of slanderous and libelous cheap shots under guise of humor to mercilessly slash institutions and to give the word stereotype its worst connotation, is not, in our opinion, a responsible opinion or responsible journalism. If the reason for printing this letter was to elicit a response, you can feel you've accomplished that objective. But is it worth it to compromise basic principles of journalism and justice to merely elicit a response? We think not.

Mr. Caufield's letter reflects the lack of sensitivity and discretion which erodes confidence and incites petty gripes. We only regret that he has chosen to waste his certain gift of wry sarcasm on destructive rather than productive literary efforts.

Chris Smith and Jim Lawler

To the Editor:

I would just like to speak out in favor of Marc Caufield's little gem "Challenge to be Grizzly." I found it to be one of the rare entries in the Knothole with some imagination and a sense of humor. A little good natured sarcasm is good for the soul and Marc's article was a welcome change from the usual offerings. His film ideas seem to be harmless ribbing rather than the vile degradation suggested. There is nothing wrong with such ribbing, especially for that most deserving of all charities, human enjoyment. I suggest that (certain parties) stop eating prunes.

R. Cook and J. Banta

In regard to the letters that the Knothole has received about Mr. Caufield's article, I would like to point out that the main objective of this paper is to serve as (Chris Smith put it) a communications link between students on the total college level. It must be remembered that a newspaper's role in society is to educate the masses by presenting various (biased) views on subjects of importance. Any one that criticizes an editorial staff because it has printed a biased side of an issue is forgetting that this is how we learn the most about an important situation. It is only when biased views are presented and made public that major steps can be taken towards the formulation of a solution of the problem at hand.

As for the quality of the newspaper, it is only as good as the articles that the students write. Articles are not written by the editors except in reply to questions, letters, or their own personal view on a subject. If you people want to blame someone for the quality of this paper--put the blame where it belongs--on yourselves. Don't try to pass the buck - it doesn't work.

Now for intelligence - anyone that calls another person irresponsible, immature and narrow-minded, are themselves irresponsible, immature and narrow-minded. People that cannot accept another person's view for what it surely is in regard to themselves are forgetting the diversity of human nature and opinion. As members of a college environment, we are supposed to have a certain degree of intelligence that is supposed to be capable of funneling the important information out of any (B.S.) article. If you haven't learned this by now - perhaps you should.

R. Odebralski

Quote of the week:

"Hell, I don't know that stuff."

Harry "Cab" Burry
Summer Camp 1939

Upon reading a letter in the March 27 issue of the Knothole written by a Marc R. Caufield, a feeling which I have held since coming to this college and upon reading my first issue of this paper has finally been substantiated.

The general sensitivity of this campus to anything outside the realms of campus or environmentally-related issues is appallingly narrow and is reflected quite aptly by the content of the Knothole and, mostly by the editorial staff's output. A prime example is Caufield's letter - trivial - to which almost an entire page of space is given. To even print such bigoted, infantile garbage (which I presume was "satirical commentary" and an attempt at wit), no less allocate a page of valuable space to his rantings, represents a deplorable lack of taste. Certainly a free society, hence free media should provide a forum for free expression and exchange of ideas, but it should also promote and attempt to cultivate those ideas which would serve to ameliorate contemporary social problems or serve to educate (especially a publication in the context of an academic community) in areas adjudged relevant to most people, e.g. consumer information, where to find food co-ops in Syracuse, news relevant to women in forestry and related fields, etc. I for one am not the slightest bit interested in hearing Caufield quantify OCC students as "hordes of dim-witted, ambitionless ignorami", and find it impossible to rationalize the need to publish such mental diarrhea when the space so used could be put to a higher level of communication.

What is interesting in his letter is his reference to competition. This is perhaps the essence of the problem on this campus. It is just this high sustained level of competition between and among students that creates at this college a microcosm of our society. In the drive for achievement, we forget to stop and think of the sensitivities and needs of those around us and instead clutch at any straw of distraction that happens to be near. It is depressing to think, however, that a student body with an above average intellectual potential (as evidenced by acceptance to a college with stringent academic admissions standards) would settle for such meaningless distractions and not attempt to upgrade the quality, at least of the campus newspaper which could be the vanguard for presenting a departure from the stereotypic "stumpy" attitude.

I had hoped that the new editorial staff would represent a divergence from the policies of the previous hacks who threw this paper together, but it seems that mediocrity is an inherited characteristic while the Knothole is still phenotypically pathetic.

B. Bernhardt

To the students and faculty:

The Knothole is a small weekly published for a relatively small and specialized student body, and it is only natural that this paper reflect the major concerns of the college, i.e. the environment. However, whereas the environment is an important issue to the majority of students, it should not preclude other items of national and local interest. In that sense I agree with B. Bernhardt, for the Knothole should become more responsive to varied student interests; the Knothole should print items of national state, and local concern; the Knothole should widen the scope of its publication, the Knothole should organize its content. But the only way that the Knothole can better serve the students is if the students themselves take an active interest in the publication. If the students want to change the "mediocracy" of the Knothole then it remains to the students to get up off their butts and take a sincere and honest interest in affairs other than those connected with trees. Until such time, the Knothole will be making the best of it, trying to put together a decent paper out of a paltry few articles, trying to reflect and serve student needs despite the fact that the students are either too busy or apathetic to act. You want to see things changed? Do you really care? If so, you can do more than spit into the wind - Join the staff and help us. Together, with input and more help, the Knothole can be greatly improved.

P.S. The "previous hacks who threw this paper together" were and are not hacks in any way, form, shape, or manner. A great deal of time and effort goes into the publication of this paper, and those who were interested enough to donate of their time and labors should not have the first stones cast at them.

Bill Coons

LAKE PLACID

1980 WINTER OLYMPICS

Early last fall, Lake Placid was announced as the site of the Winter Olympics for 1980. Money has since been allocated from all levels of government - local, state, and federal. Planning committees, including the Environmental Council, have been formed.

Last week, Dr. Ketchledge brought a group of about 25 students up to date on the issues of the Olympics as they relate to the environmental problems associated with the event. The idea that came through as being the guideline for the character of the games and also as being an indicator of the degree of environmental impact is this: the Olympics will be for the Olympians; it will not be a spectacle to draw crowds; TV coverage will be extensive and will be the means by which the Olympics will be viewed.

In addition to some housing expansion, existing facilities from the 1932 Olympics must be improved. On Whiteface Mt., where the Alpine events take place, there will be three major developments: 1. Existing trails will be expanded. 2. A tertiary sewage treatment plant must be built at the base of the mountain to maintain the quality of the Ausable River. 3. More electrical power lines will be needed.

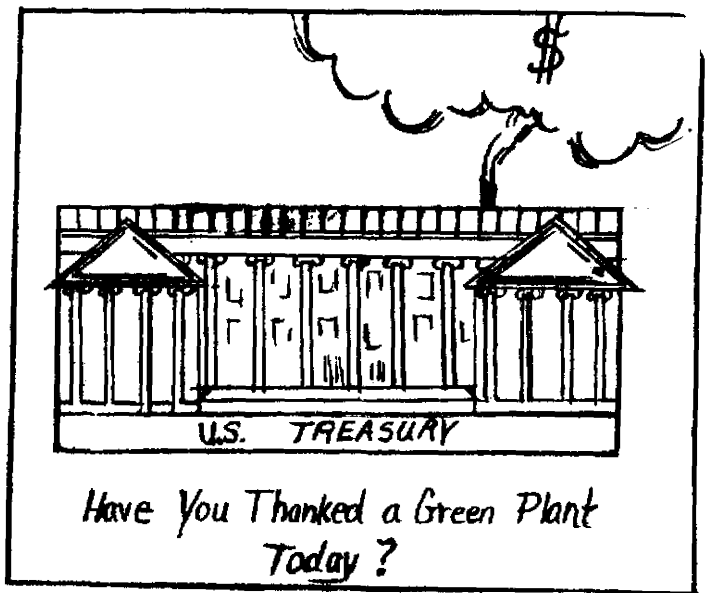
The only problem associated with the Van Hovenburg Cross Country Ski Run is that a necessary three miles of trail must be added which will enter the Forest Preserve. This requires that mechanized vehicles be brought into the preserve, which is illegal by APA regulations.

The bobsled run and skating rink already meet the standards.

If, despite the lack of housing, you decide to go to the Olympics anyway, be sure to have lots of fun sleeping in your car - which will be parked in an open meadow.

Originally, many environmentalists were antagonistic toward the planning of the Olympics in Lake Placid, but through the efforts of the leaders of the ADK, including Dr. Ketchledge and others, it was realized that it would be best for the clubs to take an active role in the planning process.

An idea proposed by the College's Institute of Environmental Program Affairs, is that a group of faculty here at the College and at SU could be used as a resource for



environmental analysis.

In addition to the concern for the Olympics, concern has been increasing over the future impact of people on the Adirondacks. It is felt that once the Olympics are over Lake Placid will draw more and more people into the high-peak region.

The governor has appointed 12 people, including Dr. Ketchledge, to the High Peaks Wilderness Advisory Committee to investigate trail problems and to make recommendations. DEC is also increasing its manpower in the field to maintain recreational areas.

Rich Feldman
Bob Marshall Club

KAPPA PHI DELTA

The brothers would like to thank all the people who came to the Walter F. Kirwin Film Festival. As a result of that event and a raffle by our co-sponsor, Alpha Epsilon Phi, the dancers, Jack Nocera and Linda Tater earned a total of \$575 and placed 17th in the marathon. The house hopes to improve this next year, since this was the first year that the house entered the competition.

At the same time the brothers would like to congratulate the new brothers: David Mulholland, Patrick Shane, David Griggs, Carl Crane, and Peter Grill. We hope you give as much to the house as you removed from our kitchen the other night.

Jeff Morrell

B MARSHALL CLUB NEWS

Last Thursday night at our general business meeting, elections were held for membership on our five-person steering committee for the club. The following members were elected: Linda Anderson, Rich Feldman, Al Mollitor, John Ozard and Jack Stevens.

On Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 12 & 13, the club is planning a trip to the Catskills. We will be viewing some of the interesting areas that were under study by the Temporary State Study Commission on the Catskills. We will have with us someone from the commission to inform us what went on in the different areas.

In preparation for the trip, Dr. Richards will speak to the club Tuesday night, April 8th at 7:30 in 212 Marshall. Dr. Richards will speak on the social and natural history of the Catskill Region. There will also be a film from the Catskills Study Commission. More information will be given about the trip and the sign up sheet will be at the meeting, and on the door of 333 Illick after the Meeting.

Now that the weather is improving (?) we want to get into action by investigating the recreational areas nearby. We want to get enough information together so we can have the pamphlet ready to distribute by Fall

Registration. When you do go out, you can pick up a trip survey sheet in the foyer of Moon Library or from Jack Stevens or John Ozard at 423-6430. Please, we need your help to produce this pamphlet.

Jack Stevens

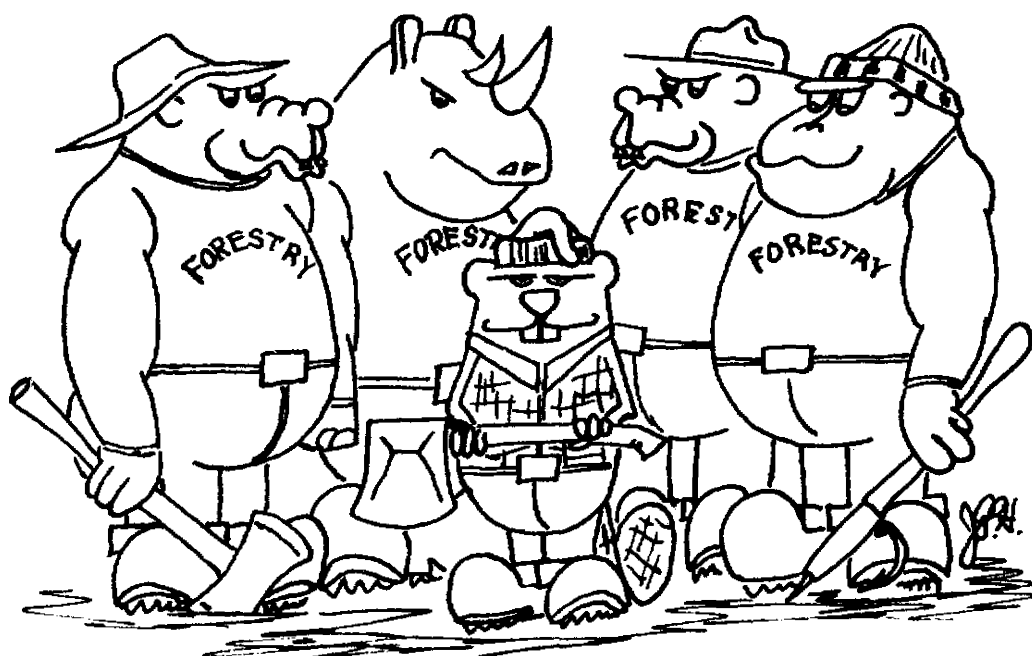
* SCHOLARSHIPS *

Two \$1500 Anna E. Schon-Rene Graduate Forestry Scholarships will be awarded at the end of April. If interested, further information and an application can be picked up in the Graduate Affairs Office, Room 200 Bray, no later than April 15.

Rob Smith
President GSA
Rm 135 Illick

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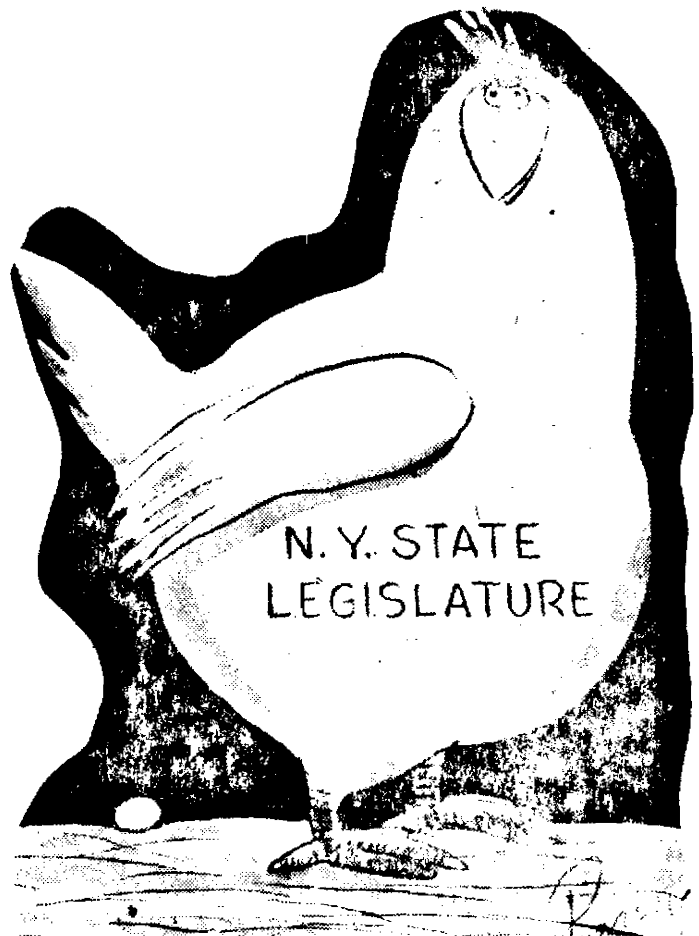
SYRACUSE CABLE TV STUDY RELEASED

Public Access: Cable TV's Potential in Syracuse, a report prepared by NYPIRG last spring and summer, was released in Syracuse last week. "Many organizations which could benefit by using cable are unaware of its' potential," John Pepe, NYPIRG's Syracuse staff attorney said. "our report is designed to help provide the community with needed information."

Cable TV, some experts believe, is the communications medium of the future. The cost of transmitting cable programs is low and it's now possible to bring in as many as forty channels. This means that channels not utilized by major commercial outlets should be available to the public. NYPIRG's report focuses on how public access to cable may best be used.

The report, which was researched and written by NYPIRG intern Albert Palumbo, recommended that "free air time, equipment and studio facilities be made available to the public to encourage use of cable." Specifically, the report suggested that "libraries and community centers be used."

Copies of Public Access: Cable TV Potential in Syracuse are available for 50¢ from NYPIRG, 730 Crouse St., Syr., 13202. (from vol. 1, #4 NYPIRG)



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Student Announcement
Jobs For Students

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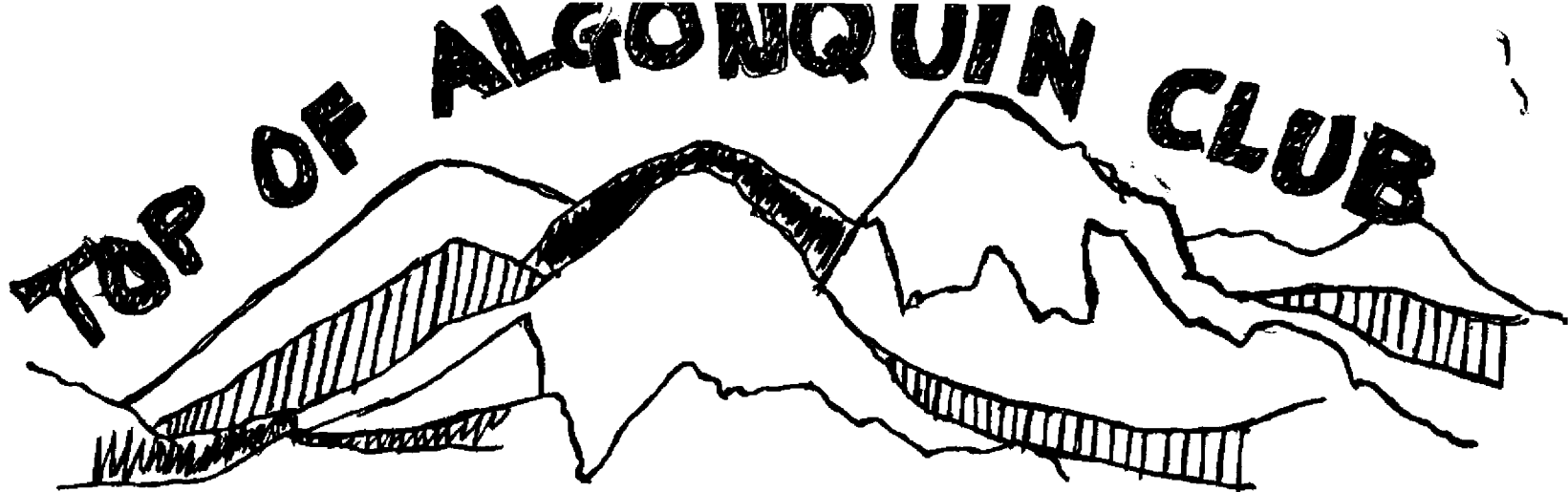
If you are a college student looking for a job you may end up working in Europe. Any student between the ages of 17 and 27 can have a temporary job in Europe. Most openings are in hotels, resorts, offices and restaurants in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Spain and Switzerland. Positions are available to all college students who submit their applications by mail in time to allow for processing permits and working papers.

Working periods vary from 60 days to one year, but some students have stayed longer. As no previous experience or foreign language is required, the door is open to anyone within the age limits. Wages range from \$250 to more than \$450 a month, plus free room and board, leaving wages free and clear.

In addition to living new experiences, and seeing Europe while you can, working in Europe offers the chance to travel on a pay-as-you-go basis without really being tied down. At several reunions recently held by students who had worked in Europe, the most heard comment was, "The experience alone was worth it."

Jobs and working papers are provided on a non-profit basis, and brief orientations are given in Europe just prior to going to work. These packed sessions speed adjustment to Europe and make certain all goes well on the job

Any student interested in a temporary job in Europe may write directly to SOS - Student Services, 22 Ave. de la Liberte, Luxembourg, Europe. Requests for job listings and an application must include your name, address and one dollar or the equivalent in stamps or international postal coupons.



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